

Remarks:

Claims 16-26 remain for consideration in this application, with claims 16, 23 and 26 being independent. In the Office Action, claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 11-15 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Finally, claims 1-15 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Fredell et al., U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0028364.

Claims 1-15 have been canceled and new claims 16-26 have been added. New claims 16-23 are directed to subject matter not taught in the prior art cited in the Office Action. Independent claims 16, 23 and 26, for example, each include a computer program operable to identify critical project tasks, generate a critical path schedule, and update the schedule based on changes to critical task records. The new language is supported in the detailed description at paragraphs 0096, 0108, and 0114, among others.

Fredell does not teach a computer program operable to identify critical project tasks, maintain a critical path schedule, and update the schedule to reflect changes in critical task records. Rather, Fredell teaches a computer system and method for storing and distributing project-related information, including documents related to specific tasks.

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is  
courteously solicited.

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